

Abstract: The 1974 U.S.-Canada Nonscheduled Air Services Agreement provides that Canadian air taxi operators that meet the criteria imposed by the Canadian and U.S. governments will be authorized to fly into the U.S. The Agreement further provides that such authorization will be considered with a minimum of procedural delay. Prior to the adoption of Part 294 Canadian air taxi operators were required to formally seek this authorization by a somewhat lengthy process. The Airline Deregulation Act of 1978 expanded the Department of Transportation's exemption powers to include foreign air carriers. Part 294 was adopted to provide a simpler method of obtaining Department approval and Form 4505 was developed to request only the information necessary to ensure that applicant Canadian operators meet the U.S. requirements for operating authority. Approval of this authority also exempts Canadian charter air taxi operators from certain provisions of Subtitle VII of Title 49 of the United States Code (Transportation).

Collection of this information is necessary to determine whether or not a Canadian air taxi meets the U.S. criteria for an operating authorization.

Respondents: Small Canadian air carriers operating aircraft with 60 seats or less or 18,000 pounds payload or less.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 27.

Average Annual Burden per Respondent: 30 minutes.

Estimated Total Burden on Respondents: 14 hours.

This information collection is available for inspection at the Special Authorities Division (X-57), Office of Aviation Analysis, DOT, at the address above. Copies of 14 CFR Part 294 can be obtained from Ms. Ronale Taylor at the address and telephone number shown above.

Comments are Invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Department's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Office of the Secretary

Notice of Request for Extension and Revision of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, DOT.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended) this notice announces the Department of Transportation's (DOT) intention to request a reinstatement without change of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by November 9, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be sent to the Special Authorities Division (X-57), Office of Aviation Analysis, Office of the Secretary, U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 7th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590-0002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Ronale Taylor or Mr. Charles McGuire, Office of the Secretary, Office of Aviation Analysis, X-57, Department of Transportation, at the address above. Telephone: (202) 366-1037/9539.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Foreign Air Freight Forwarders and Foreign Cooperative Shippers Associations.

OMB Control Number: 2106-0036.

Expiration Date: May 1997.

Type of Request: Reinstatement without change of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired.

Abstract: Title 14 CFR Part 297 (sec. 297.10) grants foreign indirect air carriers an exemption from certain provisions of Subtitle VII of Title 49 of the United States Code (Transportation) in order that they may consolidate air freight shipments in the U.S. for further transportation on direct air carrier flights. One of the requirements of Part 297 is that the carriers apply for and receive an approved registration from the Department before operating (sec. 297.20). The registration information required makes it possible for the Department to consider the grant or denial of access to U.S. markets by

foreign-owned companies based on the availability of reciprocal privileges for U.S. carriers abroad. Without this requirement, the Department could not protect the competitive and financial interests of U.S. carriers. The form used for these collections is simplified and requests only basic information about the carriers ownership and management.

Respondents: Foreign indirect air carriers.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 15.

Average Annual Burden per Respondent: 30 minutes.

Estimated Total Burden on Respondents: 8 hours.

This information collection is available for inspection at the Special Authorities Division (X-57), Office of Aviation Analysis, DOT, at the address above. Copies of 14 CFR Part 297 can be obtained from Ms. Ronale Taylor at the address and telephone number shown above.

Comments are Invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Department's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Office of the Secretary

Reports, Forms, and Recordkeeping Requirements: Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act 1995 (44 USC Chapter 35), this notice announces that the Information Collection Request (ICR) abstracted below has been forwarded to